SAINT CLOUD AREA PLANNING ORGANIZATION

TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TAC) MEETING

Thursday, Sept. 24, 2026 @ 10 a.m.

A meeting of the Saint Cloud Area Planning Organization's (APO's) Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) was called to order at 10:04 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 24, 2026. Senior Transportation Planner Vicki Johnson presided with the following people in attendance:

Voting Members:	
Zac Borgerding	City of Saint Cloud
Matt Glaesman	City of Saint Cloud
Kari Haakonson	City of Sartell
Todd Schultz	City of Sauk Rapids
Mike Decker	Stearns County [Alternate]
Michael Kedrowski	Metro Bus
Steve Voss	MnDOT District 3

Non-Member Attendees:	
Vicki Johnson	APO, Senior Planner
Alex McKenzie	APO, Associate Planner
James Stapfer	APO, Planning Technician
Trina Ness	APO, Admin Specialist
Anna Pierce	MnDOT OSPH Carbon Reduction Program Coordinator

Online Attendees:	
Bryce Johnson	City of Saint Joseph [Alternate]
Wes Davis	Benton County
Jeff Lenz	MnDOT District 3
Dena Ryan	MnDOT MPO Coordinator
Lauren Dickerson	MPCA

1. Introductions were made.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

No members of the public were in attendance.

3. CONSIDERATION OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

a. Approve minutes of Aug. 27, 2026, TAC meeting
b. Receive staff report of Sept. 10, 2026, Policy Board meeting
c. Approve 2027 regular meeting schedule for the APO TAC

Mr. Glaesman made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Mr. Borgerding seconded the motion. Motion carried.

4. PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION ON THE MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION'S TRANSPORTATION EMISSIONS ASSESSMENT EFFORTS

MnDOT Office of Sustainability and Public Health (OSPH) Carbon Reduction Program Coordinator, Anna Pierce, discussed the state's laws and policies related to greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions including the 2023 and 2024 legislation requiring projects on the state trunk highway system that expand vehicular capacity to be assessed for GHG emissions impacts. Those projects will then be required to develop an offset plan to address the potential increase of GHG emissions.

Ms. Pierce reviewed the proposed process of how the state is applying the law to projects. She then went on to discuss the ways in which these state trunk highway projects would need to be offset using strategies such as transit expansion, micromobility, parking management, land use, traffic operations, and active transportation infrastructure.

Ms. Pierce encouraged both APO staffers and TAC representatives to begin tracking possible offsets for locally funded projects. This will then ensure that if/when the time comes for a capacity expansion on the state system within the planning area, the region would have a "bank" of offsets to apply toward the project.

APO staff will continue to work with TAC representatives to discuss how they would like to approach offset tracking and the role the APO could play in assisting/tracking offsets.

5. CONSIDERATION OF THE FEDERAL TRANSPORTATION PERFORMANCE TARGETS FOR PM 1: TRANSPORTATION SAFETY; PM 2: INFRASTRUCTURE; AND PM 3 SYSTEM PERFORMANCE

APO Planning Technician, James Stapfer, explained the background of performance measures and targets and how it applies to all public roads, and is based on the success of the previous target being met. The APO has no repercussions if we do not meet our targets. However, Mr. Stapfer indicated if the state fails to meet its various targets than MnDOT will need to adjust funding priorities to address these metrics.

Mr. Stapfer went on to review the New 2025 PM1: Transportation Safety measures, PM2: Infrastructure (Bridge Condition) measures, and PM3: System Performance measures.

The following targets per performance measures have been proposed.

PM 1: Transportation Safety

Performance Measure	2026 Target	2021-2025 Baseline Data	Proposed 2027 Target	MnDOT 2027 Target
Fatalities	7.6	6.8	**6.8**	352.4

Performance Measure	2026 Target	2021-2025 Baseline Data	Proposed 2027 Target	MnDOT 2027 Target
Fatality Rate (per 100 million vehicle miles traveled)	0.596	0.506	**0.506**	0.582
Serious Injuries	23.0	35.4	**23.0**	1,463.4
Serious Injury Rate (per 100 million VMT)	1.946	2.637	**1.946**	2.470
Non-Motorized Fatalities and Serious Injuries	6.2	6.6	**6.2**	258.4

PM 2: Infrastructure

Performance Measure	2025 Target	2025 Baseline Data	Proposed 2027 Target	MnDOT 2027 Target	Proposed 2029 Target	MnDOT 2029 Target
Interstate Pavement in Good Condition	90%	64.5%	**70%**	60%	**70%**	60%
Interstate Pavement in Poor Condition	1%	0.0%	**1%**	2%	**1%**	2%
Non-Interstate NHS Pavement in Good Condition	65%	54.9%	**60%**	40%	**60%**	40%
Non-Interstate NHS Pavement in	1%	0.6%	**1%**	4%	**1%**	4%

Performance Measure	2025 Target	2025 Baseline Data	Proposed 2027 Target	MnDOT 2027 Target	Proposed 2029 Target	MnDOT 2029 Target
Poor Condition						
NHS Bridges in Good Condition	60%	9.1%	**40%**	30%	**40%**	20%
NHS Bridges in Poor Condition	1%	0.9%	**1%**	5%	**1%**	5%

PM 3: System Performance

Performance Measure	2025 Target	2025 Baseline Data	Proposed 2027 Target	MnDOT 2027 Target	Proposed 2029 Target	MnDOT 2029 Target
Interstate Travel Time Reliability	100%	100%	**100%**	82%	**100%**	82%
Non-Interstate NHS Travel Time Reliability	91%	97.7%	**91%**	90%	**91%**	90%
Interstate Truck Travel Time Reliability	1.22	1.13	**1.22**	1.4	**1.22**	1.4

Mr. Glaesman made a motion to recommend Policy Board approval of the PM 1, PM 2, and PM 3 targets. Ms. Haakonson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

6. OTHER BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

APO Senior Planner, Vicki Johnson, stated that MnDOT will not be soliciting projects for the Carbon Reduction Program (CRP) for FY 2031. The APO already allocated their CRP funds for FY 2028-2030. She also stated that MnDOT District 3 will not be solicitating PROTECT funds this year.

Ms. Johnson stated that APO solicitations start next month. If you are applying for HSIP funds, a rough outline of the project if applying for a proactive project, must be submitted to Vicki Johnson by Oct 19. She also stated the FY 2027-2030 TIP Project status updates are due the week of Nov. 13, 2026.

Ms. Johnson stated that Mary Nieken from MnDOT District 3 sent an email regarding the Transportation Alternatives program stating if you are applying for TA funding you must attend one of two upcoming workshops. Contact Jeff Lenz to confirm you're on the schedule. Meeting dates are Oct. 1, 2026, in Brainerd, and Oct. 5, 2026, in Saint Cloud.

APO Associate Planner, Alex McKenzie, stated that APO staff are conducting public engagements for the MTP, Imagine 2055. Staff will be at Saint Joseph's Farmers Market on Friday, Sept. 25, 2026. He encouraged everyone to come out and experience it. He also stated the first CTAC meeting is scheduled for Sept. 30, 2026. There are two timeframes available for those that are involved.

Ms. Haakonson stated she is resigning from the City of Sartell in Oct. 9.

7. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:46 a.m.